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City of La Quinta

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Les Johnson, Planning Director

DATE: June 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Department Report - General Plan Monthly Update

Planning staff continued their community outreach program for the General Plan update by providing an informational booth at the City's annual birthday festival held on April 30th. A number of residents visited the booth to ask questions of staff about planning and general city issues. Some visitors were not aware of the update process and had their name added to the interest list.

Throughout the month of May, Planning staff continued to work with consultants Terra-Nova and Iteris on editing and revising the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan, the Sustainability Element, and the Traffic and Circulation Element of the General Plan. Four additional elements have been completed in draft form and will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee in mid-June. Staff estimates the last few remaining draft elements of the General Plan, including Land Use and Economic Development, will be completed by the end of next month and should be scheduled for review by the Technical Advisory Committee sometime in August. As the General Plan document as a whole is starting to come together, a complete draft version is anticipated be made available for review and comment late Summer/early Fall.